

St. Philip & St. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

430 SOUTH MAIN STREET • PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD † January 7, 2024

Mission Statement

To love God and neighbor by sharing our belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through prayerful celebration of His Sacraments, ministering to all in need, protecting life, and welcoming all who come to us.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8:00am

Saturday & Sunday

4:30 pm, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am; 1:00 pm (Spanish) & 5:30 pm

Weekday Masses—Monday - Friday:

6:45 am & 12:10 pm

Confessions: Saturdays 10:00 am & 3:15 pm

Adoration: 9 am—8 pm in the Chapel

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(Closed for lunch) 1:00pm-4:00pm

Mondays & Fridays 3-5pm

(Para asistencia en español)



Baptism, Marriage and RCIA

Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1/7/24 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, 10am RCIA in Conference Room, & 3-7pm Spanish Charismatic Group in PMR.

Mon. 1/8/24 7pm Knights of Columbus Meeting in MR

Tues. 1/9/24 8:30am Sanctuary Guild in Church, 9am Legion of Mary in Conf. Room, 4:30pm—5:30pm Faith Formation (CCD) Classes at SSPJ school, 6pm Legion of Mary in Conf. Room & 7pm Cenacles of Life in Chapel.

Wed. 1/10/24 5pm Bible Study in Mercy Hall, 6:30pm Fellowship in Mercy Hall then at 7pm Eucharistic Revival Talk in Church, & No Divine Mercy Prayer Group.

Thurs. 1/11/24 7pm Blue Army Prayer Cell in Chapel.

Friday 1/12/24

Sat. 1/13/24 7am—8am Men's Fellowship Group in Conf. Room, 8:30am Frank Duff Prayer Group in Chapel, 9am - 1pm Soup Kitchen in MH, & Columbiettes Postulate & Seminarian Collection after 4:30pm Mass.

Sunday 1/14/24 Columbiettes Postulate & Seminarian Collection after all Masses, 10am 8th Grade Confirmation Class in PMR, & 10am RCIA in Conference Room.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Family!

It was wonderful to start the year with the celebration of the feast of the Motherhood of Our Lady. May the blessings of our Lady be upon us throughout the year. As part of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the feast of Epiphany today. The word 'Epiphany' means 'to appear or shine'. Epiphany refers to the divinity of Jesus 'shining upon' the earth. Epiphany refers to the manifestation of the Divine Nature of Jesus.

As the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews reflects about the revelation of God in and through Jesus Christ, it is so awesome to reflect about how we witness and experience the revelation of God. The readings for today's celebration focus on the Universal Royal Messiahship of Jesus Christ. The United States and Canada celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany on the Sunday after the Christmas Octave; therefore, it always falls between January 2nd and 8th. However, other countries celebrate the Solemnity on the ancient traditional date of January 6th.

The Magi reminded us of the community and diversity aspects of the powerful experience of the revelation of God. The universal and catholic nature of the church reflect this powerful Epiphany everyday through the Sacrament of Eucharist.

As Epiphany teaches us where to look for Jesus, the King of kings, Lord of lords (in the most humble and poorest), it also teaches us where not to look for Jesus - Herod. Herod not only symbolizes our envy, jealousy and anger, but also the "close yet very far" approach to our spiritual life and Christian Life.

We are all in need of the Star!

Thank you: I thank all of you for your participation in Christmas and New Year festivities. Since we have three priests we were able to provide as many masses as needed to have a meaningful celebrations, given the fact that both the Christmas Weekend and New Year Weekend were back-to-back celebrations.

I thank Fr. Wilson and Fr. Pat for their ministry and all the deacons for their service to our community and church. The Choir did a great job in providing us with wonderful music for our celebrations. I thank Lisa Sforza and all the musicians and singers for their part. A special thanks to the Decorations Committee headed by Diane Volk and the volunteers for the beautiful flowers and lights. We also thank all the ministries working together at mass, all the lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers and other volunteers to make these festivities special for us.

Eucharistic Revival Seminar: As we journey with our '72 Disciples' ministry, I continue to encourage community learning as it is indispensable for our faith. The next seminar will be on January 10th, 6:30pm. The Vicar General Fr. Jay Tabrowski will be our next presenter. Please come with your family!

Bible Study: All are welcome! **Our last Bible Study was on Jan 3rd, 5pm in Mercy Hall. We were learning "On the Way of Discipleship (8:27 - 10:52).** The last session will be on the 10th of January. Please join us! This will immensely help you with your Sunday Mass experience as Year B reflects on Mark. Please stay tuned for the next Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles. Details will follow.

New Employees: We have hired a new Maintenance person for our School, **Janusz Cichowski**, and a part-time janitorial support **Collette Clothilda** for the school along with Rosanna Caprio our regular support staff at the School. We also hired a new Maintenance person **Steve Webber** for our Cemetery and Lawn Care. We hope and pray all our properties are well taken care of by our staff and wish them well!

Be assured of my love and prayers for you and family!

Fr. Antony

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, January 7th – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00am – Perine Family by Martha
 9:00 – Jane Merlo by Bob & Patti Merlo
 11:00 – Anthony Loiacono by Dolly Loiacono
 1:00pm (SP) – Nuriez-Fontanes by Family
 5:30pm – Phil Kays by Paul & Donna Kucinski

MONDAY, January 8th – The Baptism of the Lord

6:45am – Jason Noel by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche
 12:10pm – Tylor Petchonka by Aunt Jay, Danny, & Lainie

TUESDAY, January 9th

6:45am – Frances Romagnoli by Marion
 12:10pm – Ben Patti by Lisa Garcia

WEDNESDAY, January 10th

6:45am – Joseph Romagnoli by Catalli Family
 12:10pm – Nicholas Merlo by Daughter & Grandsons

THURSDAY, January 11th

6:45am – Phil Kays by Merrie Mulrine
 12:10pm – John Natisin by Patricia Natisin

FRIDAY, January 12th

6:45am – Lucy Haney by Roger & Fran DiVittorio
 12:10pm – Catherine & Charles Volpe by Charles & Maryana Decker

SATURDAY, January 13th – St. Hilary

8:00am – Thomas B. Smith, Sr. by Wife & Family
 4:30pm – Janeth Seavey by Deacon Enock & Ines Berluche

SUNDAY, January 14th – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00am – Angela Bush & Carmella Fisher by Deacon Rob
 9:00 – Beatty Haviland by Friend
 11:00 – Eileen Mondzak by Deacon Larry & Carol Bevilacqua
 1:00pm (SP) – Grace Nuñez by Family
 5:30pm – Marie Louisina N. Bonheur by Juliet Bonheur

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on January 14th for Together in Charity. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Church Office and Adoration will be closed on Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther, Jr. King Day.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule



January 13th

4:30pm	Acolyte	Josh Romero
	Lector	Jennifer Anselmo
	Minister	Frances Ludwig
	Minister	Ronald Rossini
	Server	Chiazam Odemma
	Server	Chiezimuzo Odemma

January 14th

7:00am	Acolyte	Dominic Russo
	Lector	Marianne Palos
	Server	Julián Mendoza
	Server	Sebastián Mendoza

9:00am	Acolyte	Andrew Sretenovic
	Lector	Henrietta Schupper
	Minister	Joseph Lusardi
	Minister	Valerie Lusardi
	Server	Adam Sretenovic
	Server	Gabriel Sretenovic

11:00am	Acolyte	Joseph Cruz
	Lector	Carol Bevilacqua
	Minister	Robert Hopkins
	Minister	Gladys Jauridez
	Server	Erin Giacalone
	Server	Emma Giacalone

1:00pm	Lector	Lisette Herrera
	Minister	Martha Lam
	Server	Miguel Quizhpi-García
	Server	Jackie Quizhpi-García

5:30pm	Acolyte	Brett Bruckman
	Lector	Susan Gerhardt
	Server	Robby Basel
	Server	

NURSING HOME ASSIGNMENTS



Lopatcong Nursing Home: 1/7 Ed Socci & 1/14 Paul Juliano.

Barkeley Nursing Home: Deacon Francisco.

Phillipsburg Care Center: 1/7 Judy Leone, 1/14 Lisa Spanopolous, & 1/21 Beth Dispoto.

Stewardship

	12/24/23	12/31/23
	\$ 11,254.02	\$ 9,069.10
Online Giving:	\$ 2,938.00	\$ 3,053.00
	\$ 14,192.02	\$12,122.10
Second Collection:	\$ 472.00	\$ 186.00
Christmas Collection:	\$ 22,367.02	\$ 2,377.00
Christmas Decorations:	\$ 1,702.02	-----
Mary Mother of God:	-----	\$2,741.10

Around the Parish

Faith Formation News

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

- Parents of Confirmation students that will be confirmed in April, if you haven't met with Fr. Antony, please contact Mrs. Escarlen Duran at 908-454-0112 x406 to set up an appointment as soon as possible.
- The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024 from 10am to 2pm in Mercy Hall.
- The following paperwork is due by January 8, 2024: Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form & the Saint Project Form. The 10 Weekly Reflection Forms should be handed as soon as it is completed (on weekly basis.) Paperwork may be handed to catechists, dropped off at the Church office, or may be placed in the collection basket marked to the attention of Escarlen Duran.



CHILDREN'S MASS

The next Faith Formation children's mass will be the 9am Mass on Sunday, January 14th. All Faith Formation & SSPJ families are strongly encouraged to attend. The participation in the Mass is where our children live what they learn in Faith Formation.



We are looking boys and girls, who have received their First Holy Eucharist, who are willing to make a commitment to become a member of our wonderful Altar Server team!

What a GREAT way to teach your children the concept of "Stewardship." Open to all children of the parish and school (who have received their First Holy Eucharist). Parents, please email Escarlen Duran at eduran@spsj.org if interested.

Pray for the Sick

James Tersigni, Jamey Perrone, Thomas Ernest, Lorraine Wonder, Rosa Zevallos, Manuel Venegas, The Pulecio Family, Charlotte Meglic, Shirley Emery, Ernest E. Finizio, Sr, Paul Montrim, August Vinti, Theresa Adams, Brett Marino, Irene Benatti, The Quesada-Rocha Family, Sharon Donovan, Janet Duran, Bob Hoesley, Jacob Hille, Steven Hille, Frances Fulse, Bill Coyle, Laura Rinaldi, & Richard Dalrymple.

Pray for our Military ☆☆☆

Christian Finizio, Jack Pike, Michael Vega, Gianni Luzzetti, Lt. Abigail Gage, James B. Collins, Spec. Theodore Bill, Billy Erz, Andrew N. Zellers, Seth Reyes, Bryan Malizzi, Paul C. Hesch, Corporal Ryan M. Bell, Luis Quizhpi, Jason Erz, Kevin Jirole, Lt. Commander Dominique D'Anthony, & Major Joseph Skopowski.



Please help us keep both prayer lists up to date, contact the parish office when changes occur. Thank you and God Bless.



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS

The dedicated volunteers of the St. Philip & St. James Soup Kitchen handed out 125 meals to individuals in our community this past weekend and a total of 7,162 during 2023. A big thank you to all the volunteers and donors!! The Soup Kitchen is in need of Peanut Butter and Jelly; as well as store brought cookies or puddings. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on Saturday, January 6th, after the 8am Mass for the First Saturday Devotion. Our Lord has asked that we make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for 5 First Saturdays by attending mass, saying the Rosary in reparation to her Immaculate Heart, and going to Confession. Her promise is that She will bring us to Heaven on the First Saturday after we die. Confession is in the church at 10am and 3:15pm.

WARREN COUNCIL COLUMBIETTES

#474

The Warren Council Columbiettes #474 will be having their annual collection for our Postulants and Seminarians on January 13th and 14th after all masses. Please help support them on their journey to do God's work. Thank you!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Come join us for the March for Life in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 19, 2024. Join a half million people who are standing up for life! Bus leaves from St. Philip & St. James Catholic School at 6:30am. Mass in the church at 6:00am. For those who cannot walk, you can visit the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 908-454-9880 and leave a message.

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

St. Philip & St. James Parish is running a bus trip to see Daniel at Sight & Sound on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Tickets: the standard price for an Adult is \$140 and for a Child (3-12) it is \$100. This includes the ticket, bus and driver gratuity. Visit to Kitchen Kettle Village (on your own) after the Matinee. Bus leaves Phillipsburg at 7:30am and the return is 7:00pm. Contact Camille 908-319-2719 for reservations.

MEMORIALS AND FEASTS THIS WEEK

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (January 7, 2024)

"If the Magi had come in search of an earthly King, they would have been disconcerted at finding that they had taken the trouble to come such a long way for nothing. Consequently, they would have neither adored nor offered gifts. But since they sought a heavenly King, though they found in Him no signs of royal pre-eminence, yet content with the testimony of the star alone, they adored: for they saw a man, and they acknowledged a God." Moreover, they offer gifts in keeping with Christ's greatness: "gold, as to the great King; they offer up incense as to God, because it is used in the Divine Sacrifice; and myrrh, which is used in embalming the bodies of the dead, is offered as to Him who is to die for the salvation of all" (Gregory, Hom. x).

And hereby, as Gregory says (Hom. x in Evang.), we are taught to offer gold, "which signifies wisdom, to the new-born King, by the luster of our wisdom in His sight.

" We offer God incense, "which signifies fervor in prayer, if our constant prayers mount up to God with an odor of sweetness"; and we offer myrrh, "which signifies mortification of the flesh, if we mortify the ill-deeds of the flesh by refraining from them." *St. John Chrysostom (Hom. ii From the supposititious Opus Imperfect)*

January 8 - Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

"The Gospel according to Mark, like the other synoptics, recounts Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan. The liturgy of Epiphany recalls this event in a triptych that includes the adoration of the Magi from the East and the wedding at Cana. Each of these three moments in the life of Jesus of Nazareth is a particular revelation of his divine sonship. The Eastern Churches give particular emphasis to today's feast, calling it in short, "Jordan". They consider it a moment in the manifestation of Christ closely connected with Christmas. Indeed, more than his birth in Bethlehem, the Eastern liturgy highlights the revelation of Jesus as Son of God, which took place with extraordinary intensity precisely during his Baptism in the Jordan.

What John the Baptist was conferring on the banks of the Jordan was a baptism of repentance for conversion and the forgiveness of sins. But he announced: "After me comes one who is mightier than I.... I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:7-8). He proclaimed this to a multitude of penitents who flocked to him confessing their sins, repenting and preparing to correct their lives.

The Baptism given by Jesus, which the Church, faithful to his command, does not cease to administer, is quite different. This Baptism frees man from original sin and forgives his sins, saves him from slavery to evil and is a sign of his rebirth in the Holy Spirit; it imparts to him a new life, which is participation in the life of God the Father, given to us by his Only-Begotten Son who became man, died and rose again." *(Homily of St. John Paul II on January 12, 1997)*

January 13 - Optional Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

DEACON'S CORNER

We begin Epiphany season learning about the Magi's declaration of Jesus as a divine person and a King. The story teaches us that Jesus is our King and we should put him first in our life. The Magi could collude with King Herod, but for them Jesus Christ is greater and more powerful than Herod. They endured a long journey from Persia to Bethlehem to meet Jesus, the King. They risked their lives for the sake of Jesus. They rejoiced when they met him. Matthew tells us that they paid Jesus homage, not Herod. Are we willing to put Jesus first in our lives? This is a personal question that requires a thoughtful response.

Diocesan News



RETROUVAILLE

Stress in Your Marriage?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 2-4, 2024. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0742 or email 3024@helpourmarriage.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

In this season, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Community News



VOLUNTEER AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

Thrift store & Food Pantry in Phillipsburg

is in need of volunteers. If you would like more information, call Sister Michaelita at 908-859-5447.

NOTICIAS EN ESPAÑOL

Epifanía del Señor

¡Querida familia!

Fue maravilloso comenzar el año con la celebración de la fiesta de la Maternidad de Nuestra Señora. Que las bendiciones de Nuestra Señora estén sobre nosotros durante todo el año. Como parte de la temporada navideña, hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Epifanía. La palabra "Epifanía" significa "aparecer o brillar". La epifanía se refiere a la divinidad de Jesús "brillando sobre" la tierra. La Epifanía se refiere a la manifestación de la Naturaleza Divina de Jesús.

Así como el comienzo de la Carta a los Hebreos reflexiona sobre la revelación de Dios en y a través de Jesucristo, es maravilloso reflexionar sobre cómo presenciamos y experimentamos la revelación de Dios. Las lecturas para la celebración de hoy se centran en el Mesianismo Real Universal de Jesucristo. Los Estados Unidos y Canadá celebran la Solemnidad de la Epifanía el domingo posterior a la Octava de Navidad; por lo tanto, siempre cae entre el 2 y el 8 de enero. Sin embargo, otros países celebran la Solemnidad en la antigua fecha tradicional del 6 de enero.

Los Reyes Magos nos recordaron los aspectos comunitarios y de diversidad de la poderosa experiencia de la revelación de Dios. La naturaleza universal y católica de la iglesia refleja esta poderosa Epifanía todos los días a través del Sacramento de la Eucaristía.

Así como la Epifanía nos enseña dónde buscar a Jesús, el Rey de reyes, Señor de señores (en los más humildes y pobres), también nos enseña dónde no buscar a Jesús - Herodes. Herodes no sólo simboliza nuestra envidia, celos e ira, sino también el acercamiento “cercano pero muy lejano” a nuestra vida espiritual y vida cristiana.

¡Todos necesitamos la Estrella!

Gracias: Agradezco a todos ustedes por su participación en las festividades de Navidad y Año Nuevo. Como tenemos tres sacerdotes, pudimos ofrecer las misas necesario para tener celebraciones significativas, dado que tanto el fin de semana de Navidad como el fin de semana de Año Nuevo fueron celebraciones consecutivas. Agradezco al P. Wilson y el P. Pat por su ministerio y a todos los diáconos por su servicio a nuestra comunidad e iglesia. El Coro hizo un gran trabajo brindándonos música maravillosa para nuestras celebraciones. Agradezco a Lisa Sforza y a todos los músicos y cantantes por su parte. Un agradecimiento especial al Comité de Decoraciones encabezado por Diane Volk y a los voluntarios por las hermosas flores y luces. También agradecemos a todos los ministerios que trabajan juntos en la misa, a todos los lectores, ministros eucarísticos, monaguillos, ujieres y otros voluntarios para hacer que estas festividades sean especiales para nosotros.

Charla de Avivamiento Eucarístico: A medida que avanzamos con nuestro ministerio de los 72 Discípulos, sigo fomentando el aprendizaje comunitario, ya que es indispensable para nuestra fe. La próxima charla será el 10 de enero a las 6:30 pm. El Vicario General P. Jay Tabrowski será nuestro próximo presentador. ¡Por favor vengan con su familia!

Estudio Bíblico: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! **Nuestro último estudio bíblico fue el 3 de enero a las 5 pm en Mercy Hall. Estábamos aprendiendo “Sobre el camino del discipulado (8:27 - 10:52).** La última sesión será el 10 de enero. ¡Por favor únase a nosotros! Esto los ayudará enormemente con tu experiencia en la Misa dominical mientras el Año B reflexiona sobre Marcos. Estén atentos al próximo Estudio Bíblico sobre los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Habrá más detalles.

Nuevos empleados: Hemos contratado a una nueva persona de mantenimiento para nuestra escuela, **Janusz Cichowski**, y a una empleada de limpieza a tiempo parcial, **Collette Clothilda**, para la escuela junto con Rosanna Caprio, nuestro personal de apoyo habitual en la escuela. También contratamos a una nueva persona de mantenimiento, **Steve Webber**, para nuestro cementerio y cuidado del césped. ¡Esperamos y rezamos para que nuestro personal cuide bien todas nuestras propiedades y les deseamos lo mejor!

¡Tenga la seguridad de mi amor y mis oraciones para usted y su familia!

P. Antony

EL PROCESO DE APLICACIÓN PARA ASISTENCIA DE MATRÍCULA PARA LA ESCUELA CATÓLICA DE 2024-2025 ESTA ABIERTO EN LÍNEA

Las familias interesadas en solicitar asistencia con la matrícula para acudir a una escuela primaria o secundaria elegible de la Diócesis de Metuchen, pueden presentar su solicitud en línea ahora a través “FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment” en la dirección electrónica <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid> . Las solicitudes en línea deben completarse (incluida toda la documentación requerida) antes del **31 de Marzo de 2024**. Las solicitudes están disponibles en inglés y en español. Las familias que necesiten ayuda para completar la solicitud en línea o necesiten acceso a una computadora para postularse deben comunicarse directamente con su escuela.

SERVIDORES DE MISA

¡Estamos buscando niños/niñas que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía y que estén dispuestos a comprometerse a convertirse en miembros de nuestro maravilloso equipo de Servidores del Altar! Qué gran manera de enseñarles a sus hijos el concepto de "mayordomía". Abierto a todos los niños de la parroquia y de la escuela parroquial (que hayan recibido su Primera Eucaristía). Padres, envíen un correo electrónico a eduran@spsj.org para ser agregados a la lista.

INFORMACIÓN DE CONFIRMACIÓN

- Padres de estudiantes de Confirmación que serán confirmados en abril, si no se han reunido con el P. Antony, comuníquese con la Sra. Escarlen Duran al 908-454-0112 x406 para programar una cita lo antes posible.
- El Retiro de Confirmación se llevará a cabo el sábado 2 de marzo de 2024 de 10 am a 2 pm en Mercy Hall.
- La siguiente documentación vence antes del 8 de enero de 2024: Formulario de elegibilidad del padrino o madrina de confirmación y formulario del Proyecto Santo. Los 10 formularios de reflexión semanal deben entregarse tan pronto como se completen (semanalmente). Los documentos se pueden entregar a los catequistas, llevar a la oficina de la Iglesia o colocarse en la canasta de recolección marcada a la atención de Escarlen Durán.

MISA PARA NIÑOS

La próxima misa para niños de Formación de Fe será la Misa de las 9 am el domingo 14 de enero. Se recomienda encarecidamente que asistan todas las familias de Formación de Fe y la escuela de SSPJ. La participación en la Misa es donde nuestros niños viven lo que aprenden en las clases Formación de Fe.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA VIAJE EN AUTOBÚS

Únase a nosotros en la Marcha por la Vida en Washington, DC, el viernes 19 de enero de 2024. ¡Únase a medio millón de personas que luchan por la vida! El autobús sale de la escuela católica St. Philip & St. James a las 6:30 am. Misa en la iglesia a las 6:00 am. Para aquellos que no pueden caminar, pueden visitar el Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción. Para obtener más información o reservar un asiento, llame al 908-454-9880 y deje un mensaje.

CONSEJO WARREN #474 DE COLUMBITAS

El Consejo Warren Columbiettes #474 tendrá su colecta anual para nuestros Postulantes y Seminaristas el 13 y 14 de enero después de todas las misas. Ayúdenos a apoyarlos en sus caminos para hacer la obra de Dios. ¡Gracias!

HORARIO DEL MINISTERIO LITÚRGICO

14 de enero de 2024 - 1:00pm

Lectores

Juan Lalama
Gladys Jauridez

Ministro

Francisco Jauridez

Anuncios

María Rubí

Servidores

Miguel Quizhpi-García
Jackie Quizhpi-García
José Jauridez





Saints Update

MONSIGNOR SHEEHAN SCHOLARSHIP:

Give the gift of a Catholic education! Contributions are awarded each July to families who otherwise could not afford a Catholic school education. To contribute, simply place your donation in the collection basket inside a clearly marked envelope. Making online donations? Please consider adding the scholarship fund to your monthly donations.

Interested in contributing to Saints Fund, and making a donation toward the general operating costs of Saints Philip and James School? Visit sspjnj.org and click the gold donate button located on the top right to contribute to the fund. Thank you for your support of Catholic education!

HELP WANTED

SSPJ School is currently in search of a school custodian. All clearances required. Black Seal certification preferred. Please contact Mrs. Bell, at bell.patricia@spsj.org or (908) 859-1244.



Our Pre-Kindergarten students love working in stations!



Thank you for supporting our Student Council in collecting toys for the needy in our community this Christmas season! Our awesome SSPJ Student Council officers and reps helped to organize the donations and get them ready for pickup by Norwescap.



ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
WELCOMES YOU

Eucharistic Revival

Please join us in
this exciting journey to grow as a
Eucharistic Community!

This Eucharistic Revival is organized "to form, heal, convert, unite and send out the People of God through a renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist"
(National Eucharistic Renewal)

9th Talk

The Vicar General Fr. Jay Tabrowski

**Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30pm in Mercy Hall
then at 7pm in the Church for the talk.**

At Our Church, 430 Main St., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

The 3 are called **wise men**, **kings**, or **magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

Ingredients

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

SWEET as HONEY



Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

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